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MEDIA ADVISORY

SECRETARY GALVIN ATTENDS LANTERN LIGHTING CEREMONY AT HISTORIC OLD NORTH CHURCH

Secretary Galvin will visit Boston's North End on the evening of Wednesday, January 5th for a ceremonial lighting of the lanterns at the **Old North Church**, in a solemn remembrance of the attack on vote counting that took place at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021. The ceremony will take place at 5 p.m. in the Prado outside the church.

Galvin will be joined at the ceremony by Vicar Matthew Cadwell and a bipartisan group of local election officials to mark the eve of the first anniversary of the attack on the U.S. Capitol, as the lanterns are lit in a call for action to protect the administration of elections and those charged with counting votes.

The Old North Church is a National Historic Site and the location of the famed "one if by land, two if by sea" signal sent by lanterns to warn of a coming attack by British troops at the start of the Revolutionary War. The church is located at **193 Salem Street in Boston.**

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